

a second transmitting/receiving device for receiving the search signal and the activation signal, and for transmitting the contact signal and the response signal;

a second arrangement for performing one of an evaluating and a transmitting of signals received; and

a second non-volatile memory unit for storing another set of assignment information and for assigning at least one of the remote control operations to the base station.

In The Abstract:

Attached hereto is a sheet containing an Abstract, the entry of which is respectfully requested by Applicant.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-9, without prejudice, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/02808, and cancels substitute claims 5-9. The Preliminary Amendment also adds new claims 10-18. The new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. The amendments to the specification and abstract do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application includes a Search Report dated February 18, 1999, and an International Preliminary Examination Report dated January 7, 2000, copies of which are submitted herewith.

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Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Consideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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